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Impact of hike in coal prices

2873. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 523 and Unstarred *Question 530 given in the Rajya Sabha* on the 1st August, 1988 and 27th February, 1989 respectively and state:

(a) by what percentage the CIL losses are likely to be eliminated annually as a result of the hike in coal prices; and

(b) what is its likely impact on the consumer as a whole and on the priceline in particular?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The price revision effected from 23-12-87 was instrumental in reducing the losses of Coal India Ltd. from Rs. 331.75 crores in 1986-87 to Rs. 224.64 *crores in 1987-88.*

The latest price revision effective from 1-1-89 is expected to yield an additional revenue to Coal India Ltd., of around Rs. 173 crores in the year 1988-89 and around Rs. 600 crores in the yead 1989-90.

(b) The impact has been estimated as around 3 paise per kilowatt hour of thermal generation on the power sector and around Rs. 150/- per tonne on steel, who are the major users of coal. The direct impact on the wholesale price index of the 13.7 per cent increase in the price of coal may be of the order of 0.14 per cent on a rough and ready basis that every 1 per cent increase in the price of coal would account for 0.-01 per cent increase in the general price level.

Soviet Aid to DVC Thermal Plant at Maithon

2874. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since decided to divert the Rs. 1000 crore Soviet aid meant for the Bakreshwar Thermal Plant to the proposed DVC Thermal Plant at Maithon; and

(b) if so, *what are the reasons* for such diversion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) According to the Agreement signed between India and the USSR on the 24th November, 1987, it was agreed to set up a Thermal Power Station with a capacity of 840 *MW with Soviet assistance. The loca*tion of the Thermal Power Station was, however, not identified. The Thermal Power Plant of D.V.C. at Maithon is covered by an Agreement signed with the USSR on 20-11-88.

(b) Does not arise.

Energy Conservation Week

2875. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether February 2—9.1988 was observed as Energy Conservation Week as an annual ritual as reported in the Times of India dated the 2nd February, 1989;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to push forward a programme for wind energy on a war footing in the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Energy Conservation Week was observed in Delhi for the first time from 2nd to 9th